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SUBJECT: KING HUSSEIN INTERVIEW WITH AL-ANWAR

1. SUMMARY: IN INTERVIEW WITH LEBANESE DAILY AL-ANWAR, KING HUSSEIN EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH NIXON VISIT, STATED THAT JORDAN WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN GENEVA TALKS UNTIL AT LEAST FIRST STAGE OF ISRAELI PULLBACK FROM JORDAN RIVER COMPLETED, INSISTED ON ULTIMATE COMPLETE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, AND REAFFIRMED JORDANIAN READINESS TO HOLD WEST BANK REFERENDUM, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BUT ONLY AFTER FULL WITHDRAWAL COMPLETED. END SUMMARY.

2. IN JUNE 23 INTERVIEW WITH LEBANESE DAILY AL-ANWAR, CARREID IN JUNE 24 JORDAN PRESS, KING HUSSEIN NOTED THAT PRES. NIXON VISIT USEFUL BECAUSE GAVE KING OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT JORDANIAN POSITION IN DETAIL.

3. KING STATED IN AL ANWAR INTERVIEW THAT IF JORDAN TO BE PARTICIPANT IN GENEVA TALKS, IT MUST FIRST HAVE DISENGAGEMENT STEP SIMILAR TO ONES TAKEN ON SINAI AND GOLAN FRONTS. IN PARTICULAR, INSISTED ON ISRAELI PULLBACK ALL ALONG FRONT OCCUPIED IN 1967 "TO A REASONABLE DEPTH" AS PREREQUISITE FOR JORDANIAN PARTICIPATION AT GENEVA, AND AS FIRST STEP TOWARD IMPLEMENTATION OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338. ULTIMATE COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL MUST INCLUDE ARAB PORTION OF JERUSALEM. ONLY AFTER THIS CAN WEST BANK REFERENDUM TAKE PLACE. ALSO NOTD THAT JORDANIAN-EGYPTIAN-SYRIAN COORDINATION NECESSARY BEFORE JORDAN CAN ATTEND GENEVA TALKS.

4. KING STRESSED THAT GOJ HAS NO OBJECT TO PLO'S ATTENDING GENEVA TALKS, "FOR JORDAN HAS IT S OWN ROLE WITH RESPECT TO... THE LANDS WHICH HAVE REMAINED ARAB AND JORDANIAN SINCE THEY WERE RESCUED BY THE JORDAN ARMY IN 1948, AND SINCE THE CREATION OF THE UNITY UNTIL 1967. THE PLO'S ROLE IS RELATED TO THE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIANS IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN LANDS." YET KING FURTHER STATED THAT JORDAN WILLING TO ABANDON HER ROLE, "EVEN INCLUDING MATTERS RELATED TO THE WEST BANK," IF ARAB NATION SO DECIDES. KING SAID THAT GOJ STILL AWAITING RESULTS OF ARAB AND INTERNATIONAL CONTACTS BEFORE DECIDING ON FINAL STANCE.

5. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION CONCERNING ECONOMIC VIABILITY OF SEPARATE WEST BANK STATE, KING REFERRED TO NUMEROUS LINKS BETWEEN TWO BANK, THEN DODGED ISSUED BY STATING THAT EVENTS MUST AWAIT REFERENDUM. IN RESPONSE TO INTERVIEWER'S SUGGESTION THAT TIME IS IN JORDAN'S FAVOR, KING REPEATED THAT ALL IS UP TO ARAB NATION.

6. KING CONCLUDED BY NOTING THAT ALTHOUGH NO FIGURES DISCUSSED, GOJ "HAS ASSURANCES THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION HAS DECIDED TO WORK FOR INCREASING SUPPORT TO JORDAN IN ECONOMIC AND MILITARY FIELDS." LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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7. COMMENT: THE FIRST GOJ PUBLIC STATEMENT THAT JORDAN WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN GENEVA CONFERENCE UNLESS THERE IS SOME PRIOR PULLBACK OF ISRAELI FORCES FROM JORDAN RIVER. AS SUCH, KING HUSSEIN OBVIOUSLY WISHES STATEMENT TO REPRESENT A FURTHER THREAT FROM JORDAN TO ABANDON MIDEAST NEGOTIATIONS TO OTHERS UNLESS JORDAN IS GRANTED SAME TREATMENT BY ISRAEL ON DISENGAGEMENT ISSUE AS EGYPT AND

SYRIA.
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